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Higuchi

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For: Homogenous Methods for Nucleic Acid  
Amplification and Detection

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Nutley, New Jersey 07110  
Date: January 23, 1998

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

The present application is a continuation of U.S. Serial No. 07/695,201, filed May 2, 1991. Claims of the invention relating to instrumentation for practicing Applicant's methods. Applicant requests the Examiner to enter the amendments to the claims.